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CIA Is Accused Again

The ruror which followed charges and a later admission that the United States Central Intelligence Agency acted as a fund-dispersing agency to many charity, benevolent and so-called "poverty" groups was only a tempest in a teapot compared to the storm that would break if new charges that the CIA contributed to events that led to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy should be proved true.

A volunteer worker in Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot probe said he had uncovered an official document that backs up Garrison's claim of a link between the CIA and Kennedy's death.

Tom Bethell, a former school teacher, who went to New Orleans from London a few months ago, and who was assigned by Garrison to search the National Archives in Washington, said he found at least 29 secret Warren Commission documents that Garrison would find vitally interesting. Bethell said there were 51 other classified documents that would be of use to the district attorney.

Garrison claims the late President was killed by a CIA-trained guerrilla team originally intended for use in the assassination of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. After being dropped by the CIA, Garrison contends, the team sought revenge against Kennedy for the United States and Russian "hotline" agreement regarding Cuba. Kennedy was said to have promised to provide an air unbrella for an attempted Cuba invasion and then to have defaulted on this agreement, leaving the invaders as "sitting ducks" for Castro's forces.

Bethell said titles of certain documents indicate the CIA knew "a great deal" about Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the 1963 assassination of Kennedy. Garrison says Oswald was a part of the plot but was not, as the Warren Commission contends, Kennedy's lone assassin.

If there was any such CIA-trained guerrilla team as Garrison claims, formed for the purpose of an assassination, even though Castro was the intended victim, it could cause a mighty uproar over the CIA's functions.